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Editorials.

THE legislature has done well in granting Middlebury as well as U. V. M. two thousand four hundred dollars per year for four years. The majority of States long ago established State universities partially or wholly under State control. In addition to this many have made liberal appropriations for other colleges. Properly speaking, Vermont has no State university. While the large number of Vermont boys in colleges outside the State has helped awaken interest for the welfare of Middlebury and U. V. M., Middlebury's loyal sons in the General Assembly, Messrs. PERKINS, SIMONDS, ELDREDGE and HOWARD, deserve the heartiest thanks of all our friends for their faithful work in pushing the measure through. Faculty, alumni and students appreciate your loyalty, gentlemen.

THE general-catalogue committee—Prof. T. E. Boyce, C. M. Wilds and W. W. Gay, are now hard at work, and Prof. Boyce wants us to say that circulars, containing the necessary questions, will at once be sent to the alumni, who are expected to reply as soon and as fully as possible. In make-up, the catalogue will resemble the last one, with the addition of post-office addresses. The amount of work taken to prepare what amounts to an outline biography of each alumnus is Herculean. A gentleman who has had experience, said last spring, "It makes a man as pale as a dyspeptic ghost." Alumni live in almost every country, and hundreds of letters must be written, many of them only to be lost. The committee, therefore, must have the help of all, without which there will be only incomplete results.

IF it is true, as Emerson intimates, that one educated Christian man will make a whole community of such, then we have a good illustration of the need and benefit of Y. M. C. A. work in the colleges. Probably not less than twenty thousand young men receive the bachelor's degree each year, not to mention the hundreds graduated from scientific and technical schools. These men are sure to become the centers of ever-growing good or bad influences. If, in college, they come to look upward, their influence will be a moral one; if not, the world's hurry will probably keep them silent, at least, and silence worsts truth. It has always been *the* failure of too many well-bred men.

To make men think of moral things, and to fill up gaps left by other discipline, is the function of the college Y. M. C. A. The work should be pushed. We want prospective clergymen to become Christians before entering the seminary. We want a strong religious undercurrent in the college to hold and help the work of the Christian home. We want educated men to know there are other real laws beside those of chemistry and astronomy. In a word, we want cultivation of moral belief, for

"Heaven kindly gave our blood a moral flow."

SEVERAL of our exchanges have lately been printing extracts from the old laws of their respective colleges. It reminds us that we, too, have had a few "choice laws ever useful in comparison." And they are not very old or bad, either. Three or four from "The Laws of Middlebury College," 1862, will suffice. The man who wrote the first one was a philanthropist indeed:

"No student shall sing, play on any instrument of music, or in any other way make any noise or disturbance in his own room or in any part of the college, or near it, during study hours. The student guilty of any such breach of order shall be subject to punishment, according to the degree and repetition of the offence."

Duelling was probably the occasion of this:

"No student is allowed to keep any kind of fire arms or gunpowder in his room, or in any part of the college buildings."

The following was no doubt intended for some ardent abolitionist:

"No student, without permission from the President, shall publicly exhibit any original or selected composition within five miles of the college."

Here is a really puritanical one:

"No student shall play at cards, or keep in his room any implements used in games of chance. And should any persist in the practice, after admonition, they shall be suspended or rusticated, according to the aggravation of the offence."

THE action of Columbia in establishing an Annex for women has called up the old theme, co-education, and the usual amount is being said on both sides. But education by annex is not co-education. We thought that was settled last winter by the case of the "prize student" of the Harvard Annex. Be that as it may, however, the Harvard Annex, as judged from the ninth report, just out, is a marked success. The curriculum is just as complete and has as many electives as that of the university proper. The expense is slight, for the same professors manage both departments. Of the 103 students, 88 come from Massachusetts—a fact that emphasizes the benefit of having institutions for women near by. Columbia now follows Harvard's lead, and, with her good equipment, is sure of success. But will the East keep up with the West in fostering strict co-education?

AS the time for the election of a new board is not far off, it is well for the students to remember that hard work and lots of it is the basis of election. Do not think that you can secure a position on the paper by handing in a dozen carelessly-written class essays just before election. The present board will refuse to elect a full staff unless there be sufficient competition. *The idea that a man should be elected because he is the only competitor will not be entertained a moment. It is death to the object of competition.*

IT was hoped that it would not be necessary to ring the reading-room chestnut this fall. There are still, however, a few sneaks left in college. As soon as an illustrated paper is placed on file somebody carries it away, and, in nine cases out of ten, it is never returned. This can be tolerated no longer. Boys, do let up.

THE college catalogue is being sent to the binder as we go to press, and will probably be ready for distribution in a week or ten days. In general appearance and make-up it excels the last one, being printed upon extra fine paper of beautiful tint. It reflects credit not only upon its compiler but also upon the Register Company, whose typographical execution of the UNDERGRADUATE is winning much praise from our subscribers and exchanges.

APPARENTLY the Juniors have not yet taken any action in regard to their Kaleidoscope. As there is no reason to believe that it will not be issued, this delay bodes no good to the future annual. Experience of the last three years has shown that this indifference up to the last moment has been the cause of imperfections. With all due regard for the feelings of former editors of the Kaleid. and with all due respect for their abilities, it can be said truly that '87's, '88's and '89's issues could have been improved in many respects. At the same time, by far the greater part of these imperfections could be seen only after the work was done. For this reason, by taking warning from the mistakes of others, and with an active, energetic class supporting them, the editors should this year be able to issue an unusually good annual.

THE aim of the editors is to make the UNDERGRADUATE as interesting as possible to all its readers. To do this they must combine in every issue several departments—each entirely unlike the others—and give to each its proper share of space. This in itself is not such a very difficult matter. But there is an idea more often insinuated than expressed,

that the UNDERGRADUATE is a mouthpiece of the editors. This should not be, and we hope it is not so The editorials should be truthful and unbiassed. The literary part should be, and is, a fair though not exact criterion of the college in this respect. The department of general news is of especial interest to alumni and helps more than anything else to keep up their interest in their alma mater. Criticism is perfectly right, but it should be tempered with fairness and based on justice. Is it not so?

SOME recent changes in the examination system in relation to conditions are worthy of praise. Though not altogether remedying the defects in the present system, they are a long step in the right direction. The first and most important is that recitation or term and examination marks are considered together in deciding whether or not one is "conditioned," instead of, as heretofore, examination rank alone. The justice of this is and has been for some time evident to all. A person conditioned must make up such condition by the second Saturday of the second term after he was conditioned, except that a condition given during the spring term must be made up by the fourth Saturday of the following fall term. And if one is conditioned in studies covering more than one hundred hours, he is dropped.

IN the last number were some general remarks on the literary work in college. Now we wish to deal more specifically with the question. Though rhetoricians usually, for good reasons, treat of style before invention, yet the latter naturally and logically comes first. In other words, first find out what to say and then how to say it. Moreover, the first is by far the more important of the two. "It is more important surely to have something of substantial interest and value to say than to be able to trick out vapid nothings in forms of grace and elegance." Unfortunately, here as elsewhere it is not so considered. Of course the "what you are going to say" depends in a great measure on the writer's native ability, and no "amount of pumping will draw water from a well that is dry." But invention rests as much upon one's thoroughly understanding his subject and having his ideas clearly in mind as upon great ability. The author draws his ideas both from knowledge already acquired and knowledge gained from special study of the matter in hand. And the more comprehensive are his general knowledge, education and special study, the more interesting and valuable will be his work. Yet how often does our college essayist, orator or contributor try to unravel on paper a twisted, tangled mass of ideas upon a subject which is itself misty and clouded by ignorance. Be one's talents many or few, the value of his work will increase directly as the subject is understood and his ideas become clear in his own mind.

OUR leading periodicals have recently given a notable amount of space to college subjects, but no other article can be of such interest to Middlebury as one in the December *Atlantic Monthly*, entitled, "The Future of the Country College," by President Hyde of Bowdoin. This article brings out clearly so many points which the UNDERGRADUATE has touched upon, and gives so telling a synopsis of methods and spirit which make Bowdoin a type of the symmetrical progressive country college, that we regret its length forbids a more complete quotation. President Hyde says:

"In the work of higher education there are three stages. Corresponding to these stages are three institutions, the academy, the college and the university. The first stage of intellectual work is drill. This is the province of the classical academy. . . . The college presupposes in its students the drill of the academy. Yet, to make sure of it, the college keeps up this drill during the Freshman year. Yet even from the first the aim of the college is radically different from that of the academy. Not drill for its own sake, with its irksomeness, its monotony, its slavery to a text book, but knowledge in the most attractive, stimulating and practically valuable aspect, is the ideal which the college holds up before its students. . . . The country college will continue to fit nine-tenths of her graduates for professional and business life, as she has done. The other tenth she will prepare for the universities; and the college which in these days fails to send from five to ten per cent. of its graduates on into university work is false to its students and false to the cause of education. . . . The academy must enforce right conduct by sheer authority. In the college this method should be entirely abandoned. There should be nothing arbitrary and no avoidable severity. In Bowdoin College there have not been during the last three years half a dozen cases in which students have been called to account for specific acts of disorder or immorality. Yet had these same students been subjected to an irritating *espionage*, and threats and entreaties held up before them, the result would have been far less satisfactory. Personal influence is the abundantly adequate as well as the only appropriate moral incentive for men in the college stage. . . . As long as in things intellectual, moral and spiritual, the law holds good, "first the blade then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear," so long will there remain in our system of higher education an honorable place and useful work for those little groups of scholars and students who, according to the original meaning of the term college, live together in mutual good will, in friendly helpfulness, in earnest study, amid the broad green fields and under the clear blue skies of our quiet country towns."

Literary.

EXCUSES.

HIS TO HER.

YOUR lips were so near,
And your eyes were so blue.
You are angry I fear,
But your lips were so near.
Forgive me now, dear,
What else could I do?
Your lips were so near,
And your eyes were so blue.

HERS TO MAMMA.

We walked in the park,
And the hour was not late.
Though the night it was dark.
We just walked in the park.
It was only a lark,
And the harm wasn't great.
We walked in the park,
And the hour was not late. L. W. A.

SOME PHASES OF HARVARD LIFE.

IN a recent number of the *North American Review* "Alec Quest" gave to the public a somewhat alarming picture of what he was pleased to call "The Fast Set at Harvard." True, he disclaimed any intention of representing the University as given up to debauchery, but it cannot be denied that the average reader of his essay would lay it down with the conviction that the moral tone of Harvard is, to put it mildly, exceedingly low, and that the average undergraduate devotes most of his time to cutting recitations, and breaking the Ten Commandments. Such a conviction would be thoroughly justified were the article a correct statement of the facts; for, if dissipation were so open and so extensive as his description implies, it would follow almost of necessity that the great body of students, if not themselves corrupt, were at least criminally indifferent to the conduct of others. That the picture was at least too highly colored has been well shown, in my opinion, by the author of the reply, which has appeared in the current number of the *Review*. Himself a member of the very "set" which had been criticised, he most emphatically repels the worst charges brought against them as a class, without denying that a few men may have gone to the extremes mentioned in the article. From his own point of view the defence is complete, though it may be doubted whether the moral standpoint of the writer is as high as could be desired.

I have no intention of discussing at length this side of Harvard life. In my opinion it is by no means the most conspicuous one. Indeed, if the large number of students, the nearness to Boston, and the abundant opportunities for dissipation, which often seek the student rather than wait his coming, be taken into account, the general character of the college must be pronounced decidedly high. Of course, one living at home sees less of Harvard life than one who rooms in the yard, and a graduate student is not so well placed for observation as an undergraduate; but during the last two years of my residence in Cambridge fraternity relations showed me much of a side of student life of which I had as yet known little, and, as a result, I am thoroughly convinced that dissipation is not a characteristic even of the rich men at Harvard, and they are by no means so numerous as one would suppose. There is a "fast set," I am sorry to say, and among its members are many whose families are high in social position, but it is seldom prominent, and one could pass through Harvard Square many times at all hours of the night without being aware of the multitude of students near at hand, except from the testimony of the lights in dormitory windows.

To my mind the most prominent feature of life at Harvard is furnished by what may be called the "literary set." I do not mean by this the hard workers, though many of them are included in this class, but rather the large body of students who have come to Harvard not so much for special study as to give themselves a general literary culture. This includes men of all classes and degrees, some who devote themselves almost exclusively to reading, others who seek this culture from society as well books, and a few who have high ideals, and good abilities, but weaken themselves by more or less frequent dissipation. This "literary" tone pervades all student life, and is often carried to a somewhat perilous extent, for with many men it comes to mean a preferring of expression to matter, and an effort for finish of style rather than weight of thought. The so-called "Harvard indifference" is really a result of this spirit. It is due to a habit of regarding everything with a critical eye, and repressing all enthusiasm until a subject has been well examined. But, after all, the indifference is rather on the surface than a real part of the man; and once convinced that the occasion calls for it, the Harvard student will display at least as much energy as his brother in any college in the country.

But although this tendency to make "good form" the criterion of almost all actions may lead to some disadvantages, it is not without many benefits. It decidedly discourages snobbishness and empty display. Of course there are men at Harvard, rich and poor, who think that money is the only thing needed to make a man respectable; but such men do not wield an extensive influence, and are not generally esteemed highly outside of their own limited set. On the contrary, a poor man who shows real ability will not merely find the honors of the University within his reach, but will discover that many other distinctions can be his.

One of the most honorable of Senior societies is the O. K., and ability as a writer is almost its only requirement. I believe its membership is limited to sixteen in a class, and on an average nearly one-half of these are likely to hold scholarships, while among the others there are almost certain to be some of ample means.

I have written at some length upon this side of Harvard life, because it is one of which we hear but little. We often read of Harvard extravagance and snobbishness, though these are confined to but a very small class; Harvard athletics consume much space, and furnish material for much gloomy thought to graduates; and Harvard scholarship is well known in all branches of knowledge. Therefore I have thought it worth while to lay some stress on the fact that perhaps the great body of Harvard students are not distinguished while in college for dissipation, athletics or special scholarship, but are rather characterised by a general literary cultivation, which usually shows itself in an easy self-possession, and at least the outward demeanor of a gentleman. I very much doubt if any college in the country is so free from petty or serious disorder as Harvard, and no college has so large a body of undergraduates or leaves them so free from direct control. The safety, however, is not in the absence of discipline, but in the strong public opinion, which severely frowns upon any conduct which it has stamped as "bad form," or worse yet as "childish." True, this public opinion is not very consistent, for while sternly repressing all displays of the school-boy spirit, it at least tolerates a moderate indulgence in more harmful practices, provided they be less annoying to the general mass of students.

Before closing this brief presentation of some of the points of Harvard life, which impressed me most strongly during my stay, I wish to say something about a class of students who are but seldom mentioned while in Cambridge, although in many respects they are the most finished result of Harvard methods.

The influences which I have already mentioned, and which affect so largely the great mass of the students, are those exerted by the general atmosphere of the college and the tone of the students themselves rather than by the instructors. For although the influence of the latter is very marked, as must naturally be the case, since they are men of high scholarship and thorough devotion to their work, yet the average student is probably more affected by his companions than his teachers, however much he may admire and imitate them. But the freedom of studies at Harvard enables many of the students to devote themselves almost exclusively to one branch of learning. I say almost exclusively, for with the exception of graduates of other colleges who come to Harvard for special study, it is rare to find even a Highest Honor man who has confined his attention wholly to his chosen field. To these men Harvard opens her vast resources with a richness which the general student only half appreciates. I speak from personal experience, when I say that it is an inspiration merely to be enabled to work under such men as direct the advanced courses. There first the student fully comes to realize the spirit which is really characteristic of all work at Harvard, so far as I can judge; that all study must be carried on with a single eye to the discovery of Truth, and that this must be sought by rigorous scientific investigation, not merely by noting the opinions of others, and accepting their authority, but by careful examination, determining each for himself, the soundness of the grounds on which those opinions are based. To those who are at Cambridge for earnest work there are many opportunities outside of the class room. The large University library and numerous smaller departmental libraries stimulate the student to read for himself, while such organizations as the Natural History, the Historical Society and the Classical Club afford numerous opportunities for presenting the results of outside work and hearing it criticised by others, as well as furnishing a most delightful field of personal intercourse with a most enthusiastic body of scholars.

I should like to write much more on this theme, as well as on the religious life at Harvard, did my time allow. Let me, however, say in conclusion, that such has been the deepening of religious feeling throughout

the University during the past two years, that none of those most interested in the welfare of the sutdents desire a return to the old system.

J. M. PATON.

TO G—— L——.

COLD blows the blast at the window,
And deep lies the snow on the hill.
Dark is the night with its shadows,
The winter-bound rivers are still.

The Snow King has stretched out his fingers,
And laid the whole earth 'neath his pall,
And night with its gathering storm-clouds
Brings darkness and gloom o'er it all.

I see not the gloom and the darkness,
Nor the storm clouds that rise in the west.
I heed not the cold of the north wind,
As vainly it beats on my breast,

For I feel a hand on my coat sleeve,
And look into some eyes of gray,
That darkness for me change to sunshine,
And December make lovely as May.

—L. W. A.

A LATE CHRONICLE.

IT came to pass in those days that there was a great commotion and much disputing in all the region round about the "suburbs of Ripton," for the day of election was at hand and the country was to be saved and no man knew who should save it. Some said it whould be Benjamin, and others said it would be Grover.

And in the fourth year of the reign of Grover, in the tenth month and on the first day of the month, all the people with one accord gathered themselves together unto a certain place to hear what certain ones would say concerning those things. Then arose six young men of the people to deliver the message of the parties. The master of ceremonies the people knew as Johannes Longipedes.

And the first exhorter, Leo Brittensis, arose to instruct the people and he opened his mouth and taught them saying, "Now is the important time, now is the day of election! Vote for Benjamin and Levi, and thus fulfill the law and the *profits*. Surely ye should see to it that we get to the public crib once more. Fear not the Mormonites, who are seeking favor in politics nor the sons of John Chinaman, heathen from the land of Sinim, neither fear ye the surplus, for there is no surplus." And all the people clapped their hands saying: "Surely thou art the stuff, and wisdom shall die with thee."

Then arose Bell's-Bub, a sojourner from a far country. He spoke with a loud voice and a stretched-out arm, saying: "Have ye not heard what Abraham Lincoln did and those that were with him? How, when they were hungered for a war tariff, they put forth their hands and plucked taxes from the people, till their eyes stood out with fatness? But with Jefferson, the great founder of Democracy, it was not so. He abundantly enlarged the borders of the nation. While he ruled over you great blessings came upon you."

Then Luke, the Ruddy, rose and said: "As smoke to the eyes and as vinegar to the teeth, so are these ancient issues to the ear of a prohibitionist. Behold, they wax old like a garment and perish with the using. Woe unto you, Pharisees, for you love the uppermost seats in the synagogues. Woe unto you, Sadducees, for you make clean the outside of the cup and platter, but within are full of all uncleanness. Now the Pharisees believed in the resurrection from the dead of the Republican party and the Sadducees believed there was no ressurection for that body. Woe unto you, Pharisees, you compass sea and land to make one proselyte." And some of the people were amazed and said. "What new doctrine is this?"

Then arose Balaam, whose surname is Francis. He stood up in the sight of all the people and from a fold in his garment he drew forth a banner of divers colors and set it in the midst. Then the whole place was shaken as by a mighty rushing wind, and there was a roaring as of bulls of Bashan. Then Balaam spoke unto them great high sounding words till his voice did break with the weight of them and his knees bowed themselves so that he stayed them up with his hands. He spake of all manner of plants, of the hides of cattle and of the sheep upon a thousand hills. He called upon the Hammerites and the Liquorites to vote for Benjamin and Levi. Now the Hammerites are mighty men of valor from the coasts of Erin. And when he had finished these sayings all the people marvelled greatly saying: "We have not heard so great eloquence, no, not in this campaign."

Then Aeolus, the Small but Mighty, arose and said: "Ye men of Ripton, I perceive that ye are in all things too penurious. For passing by I saw an altar inscribed to Protection. What therefore ye ignorantly worship that declare I unto you. Think not that protection is a matter of gold and of silver. For all the

nations of men that dwell upon the earth are made of one blood and none should be protected at the expense of another. For what will it profit a nation if it lose the Mills bill and gain the Senate bill?"

Then arose Xerxes, a descendant of the Medes, and declared his counsel. Now he was of a fair and beautiful countenance and all the daughters of the city rejoiced at his coming. And his counsel was that of "sympathy," speaking after the manner of men. He taught the people, saying: "Cannot ye discern the signs of the times? Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep. When the chief Republicans had gathered themselves together unto Chicago, did they not 'sympathize" with the fanatics on the one hand and with the saloonatics on the other hand? Let not your left hand know what your right hand doeth." And all the people said "Amen."

And amidst the sounding of trumpets and cymbals the people returned unto their dwellings to ponder over the things they had received.

Communications.

The editors do not assume responsibility for any articles in this column. Its sentimeuts, however, are open to editorial criticism.

EDITORS OF UNDERGRADUATE:

A reply to a communication in the last number of the UNDERGRADUATE signed "Student," seems necessary. The writer of that communication seems to have failed in making an interpretation of the words "Proceeds for the athletics" as others might. The word "athletics" is not equivalent to "Athletic association." The speakers assumed all responsibility for expenses; and is it a "pretty species of robbery, the very smallness of which emphasizes its meanness," if they consider themselves guardians of the small proceeds of less than $4? As one of the six speakers—and I am not the only one—I have the interests of the Athletic association at heart. I am accused, of engaging, with others, in a "species of robbery." I believe the "Student," had he known the truth of the whole matter, would have hesitated to make this accusation.

The Athletic association, not being very well-fixed financially, this past fall, I took the liberty to repair and furnish a foot-ball at my own expense. I have credited the association with 64 cents which I received as my portion of the proceeds from the rally. The association is now owing me and others, which debts I would be glad to aid in cancelling. I informed the "Student," through the editor-in-chief, that I desired an interview with him in regard to his communication, but the "Student" has not put in an appearance. No student should ever write an article or communication that he is unwilling to own.

W. FRANCIS ALDEN.

EDITORS OF UNDERGRADUATE:

It might be well to call attention to the careless conduct of some in the boarding hall. Though the disorder has not yet been very marked, still it is becoming more noticeable every day. It is not to be supposed that the boys will be as sober and silent as a statue all the time; but good jokes can be appreciated without being told in disreputable language, and there is no particular need of turning the hall into a gymnasium, or of making it a place for cursing disagreeable persons or things.

The boarding hall has been of great advantage to the students, since they have secured good food at the lowest possible price; and it is sincerely hoped that the conduct of those who enjoy its privileges will not be such as to cause its untimely death, but that it may be such that the hall may continue to be to those who come here in the future, what it has beeen to us —a source of benefit.

EDITORS OF UNDERGRADUATE:

An alumnus, who has had some twenty-five years experience in the affairs of practical life, was recently heard to inquire how matters were at Middlebury. Among other information the timid student ventured to say that the absence of college pranks made our life so far this year rather dull. "Well, it ought not to," was the quick response. "The less of such things to detract you from your studies, the more benefit you will derive from your college course." Some of us disagree with the author of this remark. Some would politeiy call him a "conservative," and perhaps not a few would dub him an "old fogy." The alumnus would doubtless say, "You come to college to train your mind; you will find by and by that he who can apply himself to Latin and Greek and the dry formulæ of mathematics can also master the knotty problems of practical life." But do we all agree with this? Do not some of us think that the discipline of college life is like the polishing apparatus in a needle manufactory? In a large cylinder are turned one up-

on another needles of every size and description. They go in at one end rough, and by constant friction come out at the other smooth and polished. So with college students. They enter green and uncouth as young bears, but, by contact one with the other, at the end of four years come out polished and ready for business. The illustration is a good one, but they who use it seem to forget that in making a needle by far the greater amount of labor is spent in preparing the instrument for the polishing cylinder. The strong steel, free from flaws, must be prepared first. In other words one needs mind, solidity, "beezum," before and above polish. This opinion is gaining ground at Middlebury. Indeed, we believe we have always been ahead of many prominent institutions in this respect. And this year marked improvement seems to have been made in all branches of college work. The library record shows that the number of books consulted has been almost double, while the work in the class-rooms is far more even and of a higher standard. This is indeed gratifying and cannot fail to attract to us the best class of students.

Town and Campus.

We are soon to have new hall lamps in Starr Hall.

A New York artist is painting scenery for the town hall.

The *Vermont Academy Life* is to be printed at the *Register* office.

The garret of the south division of Starr Hall is used as a shooting gallery.

Is '89 to follow the good example of '88 and celebrate Washington's birthday?

Miss Daisy Edgerton has returned from a western trip of several months' duration.

The Rutland *Herald* considers the school of journalism at Cornell impracticable.

Miss Fannie Knapp of Wellesley college was at home for a few days in November.

Edwin D. Howe, '87, and Mr. Kennedy, both of Albany, spent Thanksgiving in town.

The Theta Chi society of Norwich University was incorporated by the last legislature.

Professor Paton, A. D. Mead, '90, and A. C. Harmon, '91, spent the Thanksgiving recess in Boston.

The Sophomore class were entertained at Professor Seely's Friday evening, Nov. 30th, by Miss Grace Seely.

College closes on the 18th of December for a vacation of three weeks instead of the usual two weeks.

Dr. Edward F. White, the jolly second baseman of the U. V. M. team, is practicing his profession in Bristol.

Miss Jessie Stewart, who is at school in Northampton, Mass., was at Mr. Philip Battell's Thanksgiving week.

A large number of Juniors and Sophomores meet with Professor Wright for readings from Shakespeare Tuesday afternoons.

The second of the series of charity balls was given at the town hall Nov. 16th, with music by the Howard Opera House Orchestra.

Protection is taught at Colby and the Universities of Pennsylvania and Minnesota.—*University News.* Add Middlebury to the list.

We expect some revelations regarding "the fast set" at Middlebury, since a Senior walked into a millinery store and demanded a plug of tobacco.

Prentiss C. Hoyt, '89, represented the Middlebury chapter at the Delta Upsilon convention in Cleveland, Ohio, an account of which was given in our last number.

Jahu De Witt Miller's lecture on "The Uses of Ugliness" was a fine effort and well received. Mr. Miller was a classmate of Rev. T. G. Thompson at Williams.

The Tufts College Glee Club are to make a trip through Vermont and may appear in Middlebury. We can assure them of a hearty welcome from the college if they favor us with a visit.

A counterpart of the notorious Lafayette statue scrape at the U. V. M. occurred at Rochester University, when the Freshmen painted some statues on the campus—as a Hallow-eve observance.

The ears of the ass begin to project from the lion's skin. The *Cynic* allows the feline to escape from the bag, and gives the true inwardness of the appeal for a drill hall, by saying it is needed as a gymnasium.

The Thanksgiving recess extended from Wednesday noon to Monday noon. Many of the students went home, and those who remained in town were invited to Thanksgiving dinner by the members of the faculty.

The Seniors are to have lectures on art.

Miss Stella Dodge of Syracuse University is in town.

President Brainerd preached in Orwell last Sabbath.

The McGibney family are billed for Middlebury, Dec. 18.

Miss Lena Smith of Montpelier Academy is home for the holidays.

The reading-room will be provided with lamps and be open until 7 o'clock this winter.

The cider mill on the Cornwall road has received not a few visits from students this fall.

The college choir met recently, and formed an organization with J. M. Thomas, '90, at its head.

Prof. Yager spent several days at his former home in central New York on account of the death of a relative.

Will Ellis, who was in Vermont Sheep Breeders' office, has gone to California for the benefit of his health.

The Delta Upsilon Club of New England held its sixth annual banquet and reunion at Young's in Boston, Dec. 6.

Mrs. Wright left before Thanksgiving for her old home at Akron, Ohio, where she is to remain for several weeks.

The Freshman class yell is: Exagumatha! Hoo! Yah! Hoo! Exagumatha! Hoo! Yah! Hoo! Exagumatha! Ninety-two!

The cantata "Queen Esther" was given by local musicians Dec. 11 and 12 under the direction of Mr. C. T. S. Pierce of Vergennes.

White & Allen (New York) have just brought out an edition of the Iliad and Odyssey, with introductions to both poems by Professor Paton.

At the request of the students, the rising bell is rung at half-past seven instead of seven, which indicates that ante-breakfast study is not popular.

The educational bill, mentioned in our last number, and for which President Brainerd labored so long, passed the legislature after a few minor changes.

The uniforms of the Vermont Episcopal Institute, Norwich University and the U. V. M. were conspicuous on trains passing through here at Thanksgiving time.

The perusal of old catalogues in the library recalls the fact that an anti-secret society called Theta Pi was founded here by four members of the class of '71. Nothing is known of its history or fate.

'92 has elected the following officers: President, McNaboe; vice-president, Miss Sheldon; secretary, Wynne; treasurer, Miss Dorsey; toastmaster, Colby; historian, Macdonald; orator, Kelton.

'90 has elected class officers as follows: W. Button, president; A. A. Lavery, vice-president; A. D. Mead, secretary and treasurer; Owen, base-ball captain; J. E. Mead, poet; J. M. Thomas, orator.

Nothing was done last commencement toward the much-talked-of revival of Phi Beta Kappa, and nothing has been heard concerning it since then. The '89 men who are entitled to the honor would like to wear the keys.

By an action of the faculty the *Burr* editors have been excused from such literary work in their courses as demands work similar to that performed by them in their connection with the paper.—*Lehigh Burr.* "Let the good work go on."

Rev. A. DeF. Palmer, for five years pastor of the Middlebury Baptist church, preached his farewell sermon on the 9th inst. The members of the local Delta Upsilon chapter, of which fraternity Mr. Palmer was a member at Bowdoin, attended the services.

Some remarkable facts were elicited by a recent "ex." in zoology. One Senior stated that the sounds of the human voice were "produced by a vibration of the epiglottis," while another gave the composition of osseous structure as "mostly chlorate of potash."

It is the college custom at Williams for the Freshmen, in leaving chapel, to wait for the upper classes to pass out before them.—*The Beacon.* Some of the present Freshmen class seem oblivious of the fact that they are not expected to leave the Congregational church galleries before upper-classmen.

The Y. M. C. A. is having a winter course of lectures called the "Battle Series." Prof. L. A. Austin spoke on "The Roman Army" Nov. 20, and Prof. Paton on "Hannibal's Invasion of Italy and the Battle of Cannæ," Dec. 4. Prof. Eaton is to deliver the next lecture in the course.

Ex-President Hamlin spoke in the Park Street church in Boston, Sunday, Dec. 2d, it being just fifty years since he was sent out from the same church into missionary work in Turkey. His work during those years has placed him in the foremost rank of missonaries and educators.

Several liquor raids were made recently, and one dealer near the bridge compelled to give up his business. Others have closed their bars and Middlebury bids fair to be a real prohibitory town. This is doubtless due to the law passed by the last legislature making the first offense punishable by imprisonment.

The action of the State legislature in appointing a committee to consider the advisability of removing the State Agricultural College from its present location, seems to suggest a suspicion on the part of our legislators that the funds hitherto appropriated for the agricultural college are not being used to the best advantage.

In reply to their telegram of congratulation to Vice-President-elect Morton, the Republican club received the following letter:

85 FIFTH AVENUE, Nov. 20, 1888.

F. F. DOUGLAS, Esq., Pres., Middlebury, Vt.:

Dear Sir:—I beg you will express to the Republicans of Middlebury college my sincere thanks for their congratulations and good wishes, and believe me,

Very truly yours,

LEVI P. MORTON.

The new library regulations have been printed and pasted on the bulletin board. The rule, allowing no student to enter the library outside of regular hours, unless accompanied by a librarian, may inconvenience some when they wish to show visitors around, but the rules will do away with many past sources of annoyance and inconvenience.

A Freshman recently had the audacity to wear a "stove-pipe" hat into recitation. The Sophomoric eye spied the offending head-gear, and several Sophomores stormed the recitation room and effected an entrance. A short but animated rush followed, in which the Professor took part. The results were: a good deal of amusement for upper-classmen and a demolished hat.

The whole-souled enthusiasm, characteristic of the enterprises of college students, has recently manifested itself in some unexpected channels. The local preachers of the Freshman class at Syracuse University formed a class ministers' association. The Sophomore theologues, deeming this a display of arrogance unbecoming in Freshmen, manifested their disapproval by horning the first gathering of the society. A somewhat similar case occurred at Rutgers. The Sophomores and Freshmen posted notices of class prayer meetings to be held in the chapel at the same hour. The worshippers came together and a rush ensued. The religious tendencies of the Sophomores predominated, the Freshmen were banished, and '91 worshipped in peace.

The election of Harrison and Morton was celebrated Nov. 14, by one of the greatest demonstrations ever known in Middlebury. The procession formed in front of the postoffice at seven o'clock and paraded the principal streets. The Middlebury band was at its head, followed by the mounted Republican clubs of Middlebury and Cornwall. Following them were several hundred citizens, including some members of the faculty, on foot, bearing torches and transparencies, the large campaign ball, and a log cabin. The college club brought up the rear and was the feature of the parade. It was led by the New Haven cornet band; the members of the club wore a unique and striking uniform of high hats and white night-shirts. Bon fires were lighted, fireworks fired, and nearly every business block and private residence was illuminated and decorated, even Democrats and Prohibitionists joining in the display. Nearly every male inhabitant was provided with some sort of a horn, and the noise was indescribable. The college club sang campaign songs and gave the yell for everybody and everything, and was generally conspicuous.

AMENITIES OF THE CLASS ROOM.

Scene—Latin room. Professor: "What modern general would you compare with Hannibal?" Freshman: "Buffalo Bill."

Scene—Scientific room. Professor: "What is the formula for alcohol?" Junior: "N_2O."

Scene—Senior room. Senior (reading Shakespearian thesis abounding in polysyllabic words), "The comprehension of the elucidation of the consummation." Professor: "'The comprehension of the elucidation of the consummation' is a combination worthy of condemnation."

Scene—Junior room—lecture on alcoholic beverages. Junior: "Is old rye whiskey made of rye?" Professor: "Yes, sir." Junior: "What is old crow made of?" Professor: "I regret that I am not so well informed in this direction as you seem to be."

Calvin Brice, chairman of the national Democratic committee, is a graduate of the same college as Gen. Harrison, Miami University, and the wives of both these gentlemen graduated from a female college situated in the same town as their husband's alma mater. —*University News*.

Alumni Department.

THE CLASS OF 1832.

BY ONE OF THE THREE SURVIVORS.

When we entered, the old stone building was the "New College"; and, where the High School now stands, there stood a three-story frame building, with a chapel room up under the roof, in which we met in winter before daylight for prayers, and held our exhibitions long winter evenings.

We entered 36 and graduated 27, only three of whom now survive.

I jot down a few thoughts about them: Bates became Doctor of Laws in the Boston schools. Bass, the "beloved physician," was imperturbable. Caswell was a bosom friend of the king of Siam, who gave him a thousand dollars and built his mausoleum. Cook was a teacher in the South, and Doolittle was a successful lawyer. Carrington, Hoppin, Hubbard and Wing came into the class from Yale. Carrington still lives at Burlington, Iowa, and his great heart wept warm tears when I last parted with him. Fisher died during our Freshman year, and his funeral was held from the old chapel. Ladd, or "Father Ladd," as we called him, who has been a missionary to Cyprus, gave the eulogy and I read the elegy. Jenny was many years principal of a high school in the city of New York. McClure, the handsomest man in the class, practiced law in Jacksonville, Ill. Mathews, Meacham and myself were called the "Trio" because always together. Whether or not that "Trio" was the occasion of any-hastily called faculty meetings I must not say. Mathews died while an Andover student. In his last letter to me he wrote: "The world and its ambitions look trivial and worthless." Meacham became tutor, professor, pastor and congressman. He was one of the many noble and great-minded men Middlebury college has given to her country. Mattox, the class wit, was many years a pastor in St. Paul. His son is now a lawyer in Chicago. Miller and Post died young. Time forbids me to speak of Reynolds of South Carolina, whose academy was drawn six miles into a tamarac swamp by pro-slavery men, and that in the free State of New Hampshire; Seymour, Stuart, the cool and capable lawyer, Wing, who became a Judge in New York, and Maudain, whom we called "still gentleman."

I must mention our senior exhibition. Although we had no valedictory, still it was a grand success. Lockwood and Carrington acted the parts of Bogg and Trotter in the dialogue, "Burr's Conspiracy," and gave it great eclat. An idea of the difference between ancient and modern oratory can be obtained from the first paragraph of Post's oration: "Life is a mystery and a romance. Today the bright sun looks down and shines upon man's being. Tomorrow the green grass waves over his tomb."

But two besides myself, Bass and Carrington, are this side the dark flood; but in form and mien and noble character, they all seem to stand around me, their faces lit up with smiles of love as they were on the day of our parting 56 years ago, as I write what may be the last tribute of a classmate to his brothers of 1832.

JONATHAN BLANCHARD.

Personals.

Information in regard to our Alumni is kindly solicited of all friends of the college. Notice will be given in our personal column to all communications regarding the same.

'19. Rev. Uriah Maynard of Castleton recently celebrated his 90th birthday. He has been in the ministry 65 years, and occasionally preaches now.

'29. Calvin T. Hulburd, one of the oldest alumni of the college, has taken a very active part in New York politicsthis fall.

'32. Dr. Jonathan Blanchard delivered an address a few days ago to the students of Knox College, of which he was formerly president.

'39. In the Hon. Justin S. Morrill's list of representatives in Congress, natives of Vermont, is the name of William A. Howard. He was born in Hinesburgh in 1813, and fitted for college at Hinesburgh academy. He married a Miss Birchard of Shoreham and went to Detroit, and was afterward elected to Congress from Michigan. He nominated Rutherford B. Hayes for President in the Cincinnati convention and was governor of Dakota territory under his administration.

'40. Mr. Phelps, the American minister, attended the banquet of the Turners' company Dec. 6. In replying to the toast, "Our Visitors," Mr. Phelps said that the great and everlasting ties that bound England and America depended on the great heart of the two peoples. Treaties were of small consequence and diplomacy had seen its best days. It was upon the sentiment of the people that the harmony of the two

countries most depended. Upon the conclusion of his speech, Mr. Phelps was much applauded.

'42. Hon. Timothy C. Smith has just erected a monument to the memory of his father and mother, in the village cemetery at New Haven.

'47. Rev. Peter J. H. Myers, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Chazy, N. Y., has been elected clerk of Champlain Presbytery.

'57. Hon. L. D. Eldredge, the representative from Middlebury, suffered from nervous prostration after making an exhaustive speech against woman's suffrage. He recovered snfficiently to see that his alma mater had her share of the free State scholarships, and, if he had been stronger, we think our alumnus, Hon. Walter E. Howard, '71, would have been State Superintendent of Education.

'59. Rev. M. L. Severance has been visiting in town.

'60. Henry H. Vail, in sending his subscription of $1000, writes as follows:

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 16, 1888.

TO L. D. ELDREDGE, Esq., Middlebury, Vt.

Dear Sir:—I wish every possible success to Middlebury College, If she retains good instructors, live teachers, there is no reason why she shall not stand high among the colleges of the future. I wish to maintain and uphold the right of the teacher to a position as independent as that of the clergyman or lawyer. The true teacher is like the poet; he is born a teacher. He may by mistake take some other calling and have to be called back from the pulpit or the forum, but a *teacher* is known of all men. How few such does any child meet in his years of schooling! He is fortunate if he meets one,—a man or a woman who teaches *truth* and not books, who builds up character instead of teaching moral laws as abstractions. I do not doubt that your influence will be uniformly in favor of such teachers. My whole life thus far has been connected with and dependent upon school work in its various grades and phases, and I am reaching a time in my life when I can regard such matters very impartially and fairly as one whose life work is nearly done. I am more and more impressed with the fact that the success of any school or college depends upon its teachers rather than upon any buildings, libraries, laboratories or endowment. All these are good *with the teacher;* without him, they are mere things.

Yours most truly, HENRY H. VAIL.

'61. The new Presbyterian church at Port Henry, N. Y., was dedicated Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 4. The pastor, Rev. C. N. Thomas, wrote the dedicatory hymn.

'62. Rev. R. S. Holmes, formerly of this city, but now pastor of the Presbyterian church of Warren, Pa., has just refused a call to the superintendency of the Albany City Mission at a salary of $3000 per annum. Mr. Holmes is a useful man—a "workman who needeth not to be ashamed"—and his present charge is to be congratulated upon their pastor's decision. His many friends may justly rejoice, however, over the honor conferred in offering him such an important position.—*Auburn Dispatch.*

'64. James K. Batchelder has removed his residence from Arlington to Bennington. He has a law office in both places.

'64, '70. Hon. J. K. Batchelder of Arlington and Marsh O. Perkins of Windsor are among the vice-presidents of the Vermont Humane society. E. A. Hasseltine, '62, of Bristol is secretary of the same.

'67. David N. Burke sailed from New York, Nov. 28, for Bahia, Brazil, where he is the consul.

'69. F. D. Mussey is one of the Washington correspondents whose portraits appeared in the last issue of *Harper's Weekly*. Mr. Mussey has recently been on an extended trip through the South in the interests of the *Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.*

'71. Mr. G. E. Clark has just commenced editorial management of the Aurora County *Standard*, a weekly journal published at Plankinton, Dakota.

'74. Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Darling were in town recently, but have returned home.

'75. C. M. Wilds was recently at Montpelier in attendance upon the Supreme court.

'76. Mr. W. I. Brown is doing an extensive business in sheep-raising in Utah. P. O. address, Nephi, Utah.

'76. Dr. G. F. B. Willard has a constantly increasing practice in Vergennes, Vt.

'78. J. C. Stapleton was in town recently to attend the funeral of his mother.

'79. We clip the following sketch from the *Olio*, published at Marietta College, Ohio, where Mr. Hulbert is a professor: "Prof. Hulbert comes to us an entire stranger. He has made a favorable impression upon the classes that have met him, and upon all those who have become acquainted with him here. He graduated at Middlebury in 1879 and is the son of the Rev. C. B. Hulbert, D. D., formerly President of that college. He traveled in Great Britain in 1879-80 and prepared a report on English rural schools for the U. S. Bureau of Education. While abroad he also wrote for a considerable number of newspapers on industrial, educational and literary subjects. In 1881 he was professor of Latin, Greek, etc., in Mechanicsville Academy, N. Y. In 1881–82 he was a tutor in his

Alma Mater and published some review articles. During 1882 -83 he was student at Union Theological Seminary, New York City; during two years he was assistant librarian, one year he was in charge of the Presbyterian Mission Chapel at Irvington, on the Hudson, and for most of another year, of the Presbyterian church at Roslyn, L. I. In addition to the regular and general work he made a specialty of the Semitic languages under Drs. Hitchcock and Schaff. In 1885 he again went abroad and did not return till the early summer of this year. Meantime he traveled in Europe, Asia and Africa, making Beiroot, Syria, his home for three school years. Returning to America he made special studies concerning political, religious and educational subjects in Egypt, Greece and Italy. Some years before leaving America he had been at work on the subject of the establishment of a school somewhere along the Syrian coast that would do for bible lands and oriental literature and exploration what archæological schools at Rome and Athens do for Latin and Greek studies. The authorities of the Syrian Protestant college decided on Mr. Hulbert's solicitation to establish a new department in the college to be called the school of Biblical Archæology and Philology, whose aim should be to gather at Beiroot a complete oriental library and full equipments for travel and research, and to furnish guidance to specialists in the various lines of archæology and languages, and to give students of America and other lands every necessary facility for pushing original investigations in Bible lands. Mr. Hulbert published an article in the Presbyterian Review in 1887 setting forth the plan of the undertaking. This project is slowly moving forward toward completion; a fine library building has been secured and funds have been provided warranting success. He has also interested himself in the higher education of Syria, and while he was there had started something in the way of the Chautauquan system of reading circles in various parts of the country. Since his return this work has been put on a more permanent basis and bids fair to be very successful. Since landing in June he has been engaged in literary labors, preaching a portion of the time in New York City.

'80. F M. Baker of Carbon, Wyoming, has been visiting at his home in Whiting.

'83. C. B. F. Palmer has been elected treasurer of the Woodville (N. H.) Aqueduct company.

'84. Dr. E. F. Preston made a hurried trip to town recently.

'84. E. P. Miller is at the General Theological Seminary (N. Y.,) not Union, as stated in the last number.

'85. J. V. Sturdevant is the popular principal of Shoreham academy.

'87. John S. Zelie is at the Hartford Theological seminary.

'87. WATCHED AND CHAINED.

Principal George R. Wales, of the Bristol Graded school, is the happy recipient of handsome gifts in the shape of a gold watch and chain. The watch was presented him on his birthday, by the pupils of the High and Grammar departments of the school, and the chain was from a friend in Bristol.—*Register.*

'87. John A. Fletcher, who has been traveling in Europe for the last year and a half, is now at his home in Middlebury.

'90. H. R. Pearson has been elected orator of his class in the law school of Michigan university.

'90. Charles N. Pray is traveling in Missouri as leading man of a theatrical troupe.

'91. H. W. Johnson is one of the tenors in the Williams College Glee Club.

'91. C. H. Willey is teaching school in Rupert.

TWO THIEVES.

He stole a kiss from an artless miss,
"You're a heartless thief," said she;
"I'm a heartless thief, but you're the thief
Who stole my heart," said he.

—*Williams Weekly.*

Exchanges.

The *Addison County Star* continues to be a popular rival of *Puck* and *Judge*.

The *Academic*, a spicy little sheet published by the students of the St. Albans High School, has called attention to the poor English of the *Cynic*, which devotes a whole column to a reply. Unless the editors of the *Academic* wish to publish a critical journal, we would advise them to discontinue the discussion; the task of correcting the grammatical blunders of the *Cynic* will require more time than most students can spare.

The *Oberlin Review* has reached us. Its society notes remind one of his district school days. We

wonder if the professors give cards to the "good pupils."

The *Tech* contains an illustrated football extra with the following headlines: "Williams Whitewashed! Stevens Squelched! The triumphant team taken by the transported throng and carried from the campus! Exchange of Fistic Courtesies!" etc.

The editor-in-chief of the *Transcript* has just escaped from the office of some advertising agency. Take this sentence from an editorial:

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THAT WAS JUST THE TROUBLE.

"I'm afraid" the Prof, said,
As he shook his gray head,
"You will never be noted for toil.
By the way you prepare,
I'm afraid you don't care,
About burning the midnight oil."

"Why, that's just what's the row,"
But stern grew the Prof's brow,
As he waited for the culprit's confession;
"I was up all last night,
With a kerosene light,
Taking part in a torchlight procession."

—*Yale Record.*

The London school board proposes to drop the study of Latin and substitute modern languages.

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